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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
DEAN et al. )  
Application No. 09/514,113 ) Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.  
Filed: February 28, 2000 ) Art Unit: 1634  
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS ) Confirmation No.: 9257  
IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION )

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant or patent owner hereby appeals under 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated July 13, 2004 rejecting claims 1-19, 21, 22 and 77-80. Submitted with this Notice of Appeal are a Transmittal of Supplemental Appeal Brief, a Supplemental Appeal Brief, an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(1), and a Request for Extension of Time along with the required fee.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. 35 U.S.C. § 134 states that "an applicant for a patent...may appeal from a decision of the primary examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, having *once* paid the fee for such appeal" (emphasis added). The fee for filing a Notice of Appeal specified in 37 C.F.R. 41.20(b)(1) was previously paid with the Notice of Appeal mailed December 16, 2003. Since applicants have once paid the

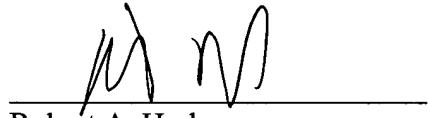
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fee for an appeal in this application, it is believed that no fee for filing of this Notice of Appeal is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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Respectfully submitted,

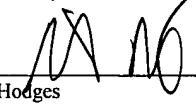
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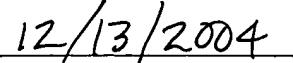
  
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